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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT TOLBERT INVITATION TO VISIT

FOR AMBASSADOR

1. INASMUCH AS PRESIDENT TOLBERT PROBABLY WILL BE IN THE US FOR PRIVATE VISIT IN JUNE, AS SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY' S HONORED GUEST, THE PRESIDENT HAS DECIDED TO INVITE THE LIBERIAN CHIEF OF STATE TO WASHINGTON FOR MEETING AT WHITE HOUSE AND PROPOSES GIVE DINNER HONORING TOLBERT.

2. YOU SHOULD REQUEST APPOINTMENT WITH TOLBERT AND PERSONALLY CONVEY MESSAGE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: (A) PRESIDENT NIXON HAS LEARNED OF SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY' S INVITATION TO PRESIDENT TOLBERT. SHOULD PRESIDENT TOLBERT ACCEPT SFU INVITATION AND COME TO US IN JUNE, PRESIDENT NIXON HOPES MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE CAN BE FOUND TO ENABLE TOLBERT TO MEET WITH HIM IN WASHINGTON. AT THAT TIME
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PRESIDENT WOULD LIKE TO GIVE DINNER IN HONOR OF LIBERIAN CHIEF OF STATE; (B) SHOULD TOLBERT ACCEPT INVITATION FOR MEETING AND DINNER, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW APPROXIMATE LENGTH OF TIME HE WOULD BE IN US IN CONNECTION WITH SAN FRANCISCO INVITATION IN ORDER TO DETERMINE POSSIBLE DATE IN EARLY JUNE FOR HIS CALL ON PRESIDENT NIXON AND DINNER IN HIS HONOR.

3. FYI PRESIDENT HAS DISAPPROVED STATE VISIT FOR PRESIDENT TOLBERT IN 1973, BUT HAS APPROVED OFFICE CALL IN CONTEXT OF PRIVATE VISIT. AS EXCEPTIONAL GESTURE, HE WOULD OFFER DINNER AT WHITE HOUSE. END FYI. ROGERS

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